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**THE STORY OF THE LAKOTA
EXPEDITIONS.**

VIII.
Immediately after the publication of Hume's statements Mr. C. Todd, C.E.S., Superintendent of the North Australian Company, Department, and Mr. Vane, formerly station master at Barrow Creek, wrote to the Press impugning Hume's veracity, and accounting in such a way for the time he spent in the Northern Territory as to render it a physical impossibility for him to have made the journeys into the interior that he professed to have made. Mr. Todd stated that Hume went down to the Roper River with him in January, 1872, and was employed at the Powell Creek station till 30th November, 1872, when he left to make south,

ut finding some stray cattle, went on to the
in his arrival at Tennent's Creek, he was engaged to
as a temporary hand from
31st January, 1878, till April following. Mr. Todd
occasionally for Hume's presence at Tennent's Creek or
he left to make northwards. He followed the general
course of the telegraph line; and
the way of the telegraph line, and seemed to have
made his way direct to the Roper, where he arrived
in December. He then took passage in a schooner,
and made his way to Sydney, via Queensland. Mr.
Watson thus accounted for Hume's movements.—
at Barrow Creek in December, 1872, in the north
of Australia, after his release from Peramatta goal. He
was engaged through Mr. Watson, by the orders of Mr.

lodge, to go out northward and hunt up certain stray Indians and horses, which he said he had seen on his journey from the north. Hume was accompanied as far as Tenaset's Creek, where he and his party remained for some time, hunting cattle and horse hunting, making Tenaset's Creek their headquarters. On the 18th day after leaving Barrow Creek. On the 4th April, 1873 - he returned to it, and remained at the station for three calendar months, without being away from Barrow Creek station a single day, except during the summer months, when he went to the balloons.

"Mr. Watson, "Hume ever went westward as he said he did after the 3rd January, 1873, and I know the never as Alice Springs station up to the 17th August, 1873 (the day I left Barrow Creek). While at Barrow Creek he had no papers belonging to

The documents which Hume handed to the Minister for Lands to prove where he was located at certain periods bore the following dates:-Powell's Creek Station, 10th December, 1872; Barrow Creek.

On 11th June, 1878; Roper Landing, November 18th, 1878; and Roper Landing December 10th, 1878. These dates were quite consistent with Hume's statement that he left the telegraph station in December, 1872, in search of Cleasan, and was away four months, and that he left again early in September, 1873, and was away two or three months, but the statement was not inconsistent with that of Mr. Watson, who said that Hume was employed with another man cattle hunting from December, 1872, till April, 1873, a period of 38 days, and furthermore that he was paid by Mr. Watson with a Government order for those 83 days' services. In his interview with Mr. Farnell the man Masson mentioned that Mr. Watson could account for all the time

The Government, after due consideration, decided to make no further steps in the matter, as indicated in the following letter.—"Department of Lands, Sydney."

May, 1874. Sir,--In reference to the letter of the 5th instant, presented by you on behalf of Mr. J. B. Scott, requesting information as to whether the Government are disposed to equip an expedition to search for remains of Leichhardt, I am directed to inform you that it is not the intention of the Government to equip an expedition for the purpose therein referred to. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, L. W. STURPHEN. The Hon. J. Robertson, M.L.A., Sydney."

There were, however, in the colony a number of gentlemen who had great faith in his bona fides, and after considerable delay they came forward and liberally assisted him in making another start. He was accompanied by Messrs. O'Hara and L. Thomson, and proceeded through the western district of Queensland to the great frontier country where he alleged that he had first met with the native tribes among whom Classan was living, and obtain the remaining relics of the Leichhardt party. The expedition was doomed to a most unfortunate termination, and Leichhardt's fate has remained as much a mystery as before. Hume, ever subservient to his

On November 30th, 1874, Mr. E. Du Faur, of Sydney, received the following telegram from Mr. J. J. Mackay, Dunne, of Charleville, Queensland:—
 "Hume, explorer, perished for want of water, about fifty miles from Drynan's station, on the way to Cooper's Creek. O'Han also supposed to be dead. Fourth day without water, Thompson, third man in party, left the others still alive; succeeded in finding water and reaching Drynan's. We set out immediately with black boy and party from station, and found Hume's body. I start at once to look for O'Han and bury Hume. Two horses dead; rest of equipment safe." Another telegram from Mr. Dunne, dated Ley-

perished; could not find his body. The narrative of the sufferings of the party is best told in Thompson's own words. "On the 3rd November," said he in a letter to Mr. Du Far, "we started from Graham's Creek, which was the last from any civilization. After travelling all day till 9:20 p.m. no water. November 4, started again at 8 o'clock, and travelled till 8 o'clock in the evening, all the time going west, and parallel with Cooper's Creek, and still no water. November 5, started again at 10 o'clock a.m., then returned to try and find Graham's Creek, as there was still no appearance of water. November 6, at 10 o'clock, started again for Graham's Creek, another day's journey still no appearance of water."

of water. At dark, the night of the 6th, poor old Hume said, 'Thompson, you go and try and find out, as you are the strongest; you see the "D'Olea and myself are done up." Off I started, and, to make things worse, my mare knocked up that night—another night's misery, without respite. On the 7th November I started again, sometimes riding, and moving in many attitudes, thinking I might pull water: then being exhausted, at 9 o'clock, I lay down under a bush to perish. When there about ten minutes I could hear a crow near me with the musical sound of 'caw, caw'; that renewed a little life in me, knowing I must be near water. So after a dreadful

struggle, moving on my elbow, I crawled on my hands and knees to my mare, another regret effort to get on, which I managed at last, and she took me straight to water, which was about 400 yards off. After having water, and an hour's repose, I filled my water bags and went back in search of some of my poor comrades; travelled all day but could not find them. I searched again next day, but to no appearance of them. I found four horses, two of the best, and rode my way back to the last place where Neddings, on Wilson River, where I arrived at the Buffalo, then to the native police at Buffalo. Spelled out day and night, and morning with assistance. The third day we found O'Hare's and Wynn's horses dead. At last I saw a

The fact that Jim told very much in his favour was of great value to the general public, and the publication, a compilation of years afterwards of the particulars of an exploring trip in the Cooper's Creek country in 1868 by a man named James Arland, known by the sobriquet of "Narren Jim," tended to corroborate some of the more salient features of Hume's story according to the *Brisbane Courier*, *Australian Courier*, *Adelaide Advertiser*, &c. When Hume was a prisoner in the island of St. Helena, it was when the news of Hume's first expedition was spread abroad, and he related to a fellow-prisoner some of his own experiences in confirmation of Hume's statements. The fellow-prisoner referred to, was James Arland. The latter was taken to the Cape of Good Hope, and thence to Galsburne, where both men were kept as gentlemen, they were made public. "Narren Jim," or Arland, was, it appears, the first settler

on Cooper's Creek, and held the run that Messersmith and Nutting and Doyle afterwards owned. He was an old settler in the border country, near Currituck Sound, and, like his father, had been a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He had been a planter and eventually settled down on a part of Cooper's Creek in the neighbourhood of Kuluks. During the drought of 1867-8 he made the trip alone to the north, in search of new country, with only a black boy for a companion. He was an excellent bushman, and, like Hume, could find his way through the densest woods. He was a mortal enemy of the damper and the bee. He got on Cooper's Creek, near Burke and Williams camp, and ran it up about forty-five miles, when he came to one of its western tributaries, which he followed about twenty-five miles. He saw a leaping trout on the right bank, marked L.L. and D.G.

its position and the surrounding objects. He felt certain of being on the track of an exploring party; that some records were buried there, and would have satisfied his curiosity, but he had no implement to dig with. He continued his journey about ninety miles in a westerly direction, and came to a small village of the same name, where he was warmly welcomed, and among them was a half-caste girl, who appeared to be from slightht to twenty years old. His black boy understood the language and could talk with them; and they relate how three white men had been killed there a long time ago while playing. They pointed to Jim's watch on a chain, his gun, and his pink pouch, and said that they were buried under the same trees which were buried with them. Some questions were asked about the half-caste girl, but they would give no information about

her. He continued his journey still further west and saw a mob of cattle, about 400, among some mountains, in which were some good springs of water. Some of the men of the mob told SAS on the ribs, and others with a gun on the shoulder, but most of them were unarmed and he got home safely, and intended to start soon again with men to muster wild cattle; he also intended to visit the marked tree, and take implements with him to dig in search of what he buried there; but he was told that the men of the mob were on the rampage, and that cattle-stealing, for which he was tried at the Sessions, and convicted. He was sentenced to penitentiary for a term of years, and was sent to St Helena, where he served five years and seven months, after which he got his liberty. He left St Helena on

from him. He was frankly impressed with the idea that the three white men who were killed while fishing in the lake were some of Leitchardt's party, and that there were papers buried beneath the market tree which he saw on the tributary of Cooper's Creek. "It is quite possible," says the writer who gives these details, "that the three white men were killed by Classen, and got information about the buried record from him, and that, after being unsuccessful in his attempts at again finding him, he gave it up as a bad job, and concocted the story of the papers having been stolen from him. It is quite possible that Hummel, in finding his story totally incredible, was misled by the fact that the three men beneath which the papers were buried, relying on the accuracy of the information he got from Classen, and fetch them back as evidence to

The following is from the Registrar-General's report on the vital statistics of Sydney and suburbs, for the month of December, and for the quarter ended 31st December, 1880:

	1880.	1879.
Births registered during December	26	25
Deaths registered during December	44	44
Deaths registered during the quarter	131	136

19 less than the deaths, and 6 above the quinquennial average. The number of deaths was 360, viz.:—167 males and 193 females; 100 males and 103 females were under the age of five years. The largest number of deaths (\$3.00 per cent) was from local diseases; the principal causes in this class were: 100; cholera, 10; typhoid fever, 9; scarlet fever, 8; diphtheria, 8; bronchitis, 16; congestion of the lungs, 11; enteritis, 10; and nephritis, 8. The proportion of zymotic diseases was 22.67 per cent, with measles, 6; scarlet fever, 8; diphtheria, 8; typhoid fever, 9; cholera, 6, as the primary cause. Developmental diseases gave 16.67 per cent.: childhood, 3 (besides 1 from diphtheria); congenital diseases, 13 (besides 1 from diphtheria). Ac. of constitutional diseases (14.00 per cent) were from dropsy, 9; from cancer, 15; from phthisis, 6; from syphilis, 1; from rheumatism, 1; from leprosy, 1. From deaths occurred through violence, viz.:—Acidemia, 1 (from uremia); 1 from poisoning by strychnine; 1 by arsenic; 2 (1 died at the infirmary from shock and 1 from injury caused by jumping from Pyramid Bridge, and 1 from

grown, 1. The number of persons of the age of 70 years and upward that died during the year 1878, from the following causes: 1. From accidental concussion of the brain: one, aged 70; from blood-poisoning: one, aged 74, from cancer: one, aged 80; from cystitis: and eight aged 70, 71, 72, 73, 76, 84, and 85; from pneumonia: one, aged 70; from typhoid fever: one, aged 70; from typhenteric pneumonia: two, aged 70 and 93; from bronchitis: one, aged 74; from paralysis: and one, aged 70; from apoplexy: one, aged 70. The percentage of the total number, took place in public institutions:—

—In Bourke Ward, Sindway Infirmary, 28; and in Park Asylum, 4; in Philip Ward, General Hospital, 4; in the Female Asylum, 4; in the Lunatic Asylum, 4; and Lunatic Reception House, Darlington.

Suburbs.—The births recorded in the suburbs of York during the year 1878, were 1,200; the deaths, 181; females, being 136 in excess of the deaths, and 181 more than the average of the month from 1875 to 1879.

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The births in the metropolitan division (Sydney and its suburbs) were 671, and the deaths 535, being respectively a 1.2% increase and a 1.3% decrease on the corresponding number of births and deaths of December, 1876. The number of births in the metropolitan division for the year 1884, which are 163 and 572 above the numbers registered during the same period of 1879. The total annual number of births in the metropolitan division for the years 1855 (male and 1850 female); and the deaths, 3740 (1415 male and 1276 female),—21 more births and 474 more deaths than in the corresponding year. The numbers in the metropolitan division for the years 1855 and 1850 were 1630 (815 male and 815 female) and deaths, 2178 (1125 male and 1050 female),—increased 154 births and 540 deaths. Total, Metropolitan Division, 1884, 1630 (815 male and 815 female) and deaths, 2178, was only 23% increase, which is far below the average of preceding 21 years (62% increase). The rainfall in 1884 was 10.5 inches, and the number of days with morning frost was 10. Sydney last month was at the rate of 15,000.

THE SCHOOL OF ARTS.

The annual meeting of Arts was held last night.

about 200 members present. The chair was taken by Mr. H. J. John Sutherland, M.L.A., and the members of the Executive Committee took the platform. Prior to the meeting the annual meeting for the province, the presidents, and members of committees took place. The ballot was open from 4 o'clock until 8, and during that time the members of the Executive Committee were present, and counted the number of members voting, that were voted at my previous election.

Mr. DOWNING moved the adoption of the report, and the meeting, from which we extract the following:—
“We, the members of the Executive Committee, have to congratulate the members upon the continued prosperity of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts. The report of the committee, interesting and encouraging, is a manifestation of the remarkable development of the educational features of the institution. This is more fully manifested in the section of this report devoted to the operations of the Technical Department, and in the following extract we observe that the subject of technical education, which only a few recently as the year 1853 was viewed as one of almost a utopian character, is now engaging the attention of Imperial and Provincial legislatures, and that the subject has become a topic in the programme of many of the candidates at the general election of members for the new Parliament, and this fact augurs well for the future of technical education in this colony. It is gratifying to observe that the Sydney School of Arts has taken part in experimental efforts at the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, and points in a practical way to the necessity that exist for special legislation to meet this growing educational want, and that the Government have been pleased to accede to the request for technical education was held in the College Hall on the evening of the 26th October, 1884. The Premier of the colony (Sir Henry Parkes, C.M.G.) presided at one of the meetings, and delivered an important address. It transpired on the occasion that he is personally favourable to the object of the Conference, and that it is the intention of the present Government to give its aid in this direction. The following resolutions were submitted by a large delegation of representatives from the trade societies and schools of the colony, and Hon. Mr. Parkes, M.L.A., and Mr. J. L. C. Macdonald, M.L.A., C. of P., Public Instruction, and he promised to give them his favourable and early consideration, viz.:—
That in order to properly develop the resources of New South Wales, and to give to the people of this colony the best of education should receive greater support in the colony, and that the instruction imparted in the Technical or Working Men's College, at the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, and in the Technical Schools of the various cities and country towns, so far as their requirements may demand.
That it is therefore respectfully suggested that the Government should institute a proper system of technical education, and that the Government should be directed to appoint competent lecturers and teachers, and that the instruction afforded be principally that of a practical character.
That consequent upon the last preceding resolution, the Government be directed to cause to be established, in the various classes instituted in every populous locality, for

during the year 1880, v
second quarter, 1595; thi

1848. 1890: First quarter, 1847; second quarter, 2018; third quarter, 2167; fourth quarter, 2020—314 of the above members being females. During the year the register shows 14 females against 130 for 1879, it thereby being apparent that the Indians are beginning to appreciate the advantages of

members was to some extent by the operations

open the rovingroom on Sunday afternoon. The question was first considered at a special meeting of the members, held on the 2nd March, when it was agreed to refer the matter to the committee. At the meeting of the division was taken on that occasion, and this circumstance led to another special meeting being called for the 10th March. In the meantime some numbers of the members had been circulating the views of the committee by circular letter. This course was adopted, with the following result:—For the opening, 616; against, 597. At this stage of the proceedings, the committee meeting held on the 10th March the previous decision was reversed by a majority of 41—two hundred and seventy-eight in favour of the proposition, and two hundred and thirty-seven for it. The matter was then allowed to rest until the 10th of August, when it was again considered at a special meeting, and the result was as follows:—For the opening, 138; against, 239. Your committee do not feel called upon to

Thomas Hobbs, one of the

the institution by the election of Mr. William Tunks, on the 31st May. Subsequently Mr. Tunks retired from the position; and Dr. J. S. Paterson, who had for many years held the office of vice-president, also retired at the same time. The committee, on the 4th November, unanimously elected Mr. Norman Selbie in the place of Dr. Paterson, and filled up the two remaining vacancies on the committee by the election of the Rev. Dr. White and Mr. John Morley, being those next on the scrutinising report.

TTA. committee by the election
John Moring, being those

mechanics, and other services rendered to the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts and to this colony by the late Nicholas Drysdale Stenhouse, during the period from the year 1867 to 1873, when he was elected President of the same, and subsequently from 1867 to 1873, when he occupied the important position of president; and as some slight recognition of his valuable labours, it is recommended that the following resolutions be passed:—

According to the last stocktaking, the number of works in the library was 10,469 (representing 10,798 volumes). During the year it was used by 2729 members, to whom 66,264 copies of books were issued. It is recommended that the new catalogue at the beginning of the year 2004 onwards thereto have been listed, and arrangements have been made for the printing of supplementary catalogues at intervals of five years, and that the same be made available to members access to the shelves of the library for the purpose of selecting books has met with general approval, and is considered a very great improvement upon the former system, and that the same be continued, so that many members take works away from the library and

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tion, while it is feared that many works have been stolen. These facts have only just fully realized themselves, and it is not yet possible to state just how much has been lost, and how far the list is now completed, and it will become the duty of the new committee to devise such measures as will be calculated to prevent this loss of books. The committee are, however, justly proud of the fact that the loss of books would be greater, but it was considered that the advantages to be derived under the new plan would compensate for this loss. It was also considered that the number of subscribers generally, and many persons do not value the advantages afforded, or use them for improper purposes, it will be a matter of course, if the number of subscribers were not so large, that in some measure be restricted, and the quantity of old magazines, &c., were, in accordance with the usual custom, distributed during the year. The increased number of subscribers, and the fact that the reading rooms have been largely used throughout the year, and at times they have even been overcrowded, owing to the increased number of subscribers, and the fact that the reading rooms are in the larger reading room a glass-case for the purpose of properly preserving these expensive books for reference which belongs to the collection. The committee are, however, not at all dissatisfied with the result, and the others of some of the magazines and newspapers that was found to be the case at the early part of the year. Income: It is satisfactory to observe that the income of the year 1877 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1878 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1879 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1880 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1881 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1882 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1883 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1884 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1885 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1886 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1887 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1888 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1889 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1890 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1891 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1892 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1893 was £1,000 10s. 6d., and the income for the year 1894 was £1,000 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The ordinary expenditure exceeded the ordinary income

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WEATHER MAP

COMPILED from TELEGRAMS for 9 A.M., FEBRUARY 1, 1934, with News to 3 P.M.

place plans for gaining more space by altering the Hall, but as this would involve an outlay of \$100,000, the board decided to do nothing that the "government will assist in the matter." remarks he referred to the work which was being, done in connection with the Technical College, and stated that the board would consider the matter. A number of the suggestions which were made to them, if they would permit. The college had retained a good deal of money, and he thought that the college could simply repay them for what they had done in the past. During the year they had expended \$231 to the college, and he thought that the college could repay them if they had received, except the fees. It had been stated that this technical instruction should be extended to the country schools of Art, and preliminary steps had been taken in that direction. The college had received from W. W. RICH a second motion for the adoption of the plan, which, after some discussion, was unanimously adopted.

prizes gained in the various classes during the year, and distributed by the chairman.

The board then adjourned to the reading-room of the institution to be open on all holidays for the usual Christmas Day and Good Friday excepted."

REV. J. W. RICH presided the motion.

The previous question was moved, and seconded, and carried by a large majority.

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Monthly Observatory.

Lat. 32° 57' 47" Long. 86° 50' 18" W.

Average Annual Rainfall for 22 years 54.411.
 Average for 22 years from Jan. 1st to January 31st 3.976.
 Total Rainfall from Jan. 1st to January 31st 1898 3.285.

Barometers corrected to 30" Vah. and Mean Sea Level

Curve showing state of Barometer.

Date	Barometer (inches)
Jan 15	29.75
Jan 16	29.80
Jan 17	29.85
Jan 18	29.90
Jan 19	29.95
Jan 20	30.00
Jan 21	30.05
Jan 22	30.10
Jan 23	30.15
Jan 24	30.20
Jan 25	30.25
Jan 26	30.30
Jan 27	30.35
Jan 28	30.40
Jan 29	30.45
Jan 30	30.50
Jan 31	30.25

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Special elections were held yesterday in different parts of the county, under the Municipalities Act 31 Vic. No. 1.

MAIN.—Aldermen: South-east Ward, John Cameron, unopposed; North-east Ward, William Locke, unopposed; South-west Ward, William Alston unopposed; North-west Ward, James Macdonald, unopposed. George Climb was nominated, and a poll will be taken. Aldermen: William H. Steadman and William H. Macdonald were nominated, and a poll will be taken.

WILSON.—Aldermen: Grimo, Vesper, Carill, and Wilson were nominated, and a poll will be taken next week.

WES (By Telegraph).—Aldermen: J. Y. Watkins, Armstrong, T. A. Crowe, W. K. McMillan, J. Jarvis, G. Brown, and J. Flint were nominated. For the election of a constable caused by the retirement of Alderman Todd, William Alston was nominated.

WHE.—Aldermen: Outer Globe Ward, Ambrose Jeph, returned unopposed; Inner Globe Ward, Michael Jeph, returned unopposed.

WILSON AND DAVID ELPHINSTONE were nominated: Lodge Ward, George Wells and Stephen Downes nominated. A poll for Bishopsthorpe and Forest wards will be taken next week.

LYONS (By Telegraph).—Aldermen: Centre Ward, W. McComell, and Platt; North Ward, Fitzgerald and McComell were nominated. Aldermen: George Climb, Cliford and Horn were nominated, and a poll will be taken.

CHAMBERS.—Aldermen: East Ward, W. Pritchard, and unopposed; Middle Ward, Charles Hearn, returned unopposed.

PUBLIC COMPANIES.	FIJI.
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PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY (LIMITED).
The half-yearly meeting was held on the 32nd ultimo.

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The following reply has been given by the Governor, Mr. Des Vieux to deputations which waited upon him for the

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purpose of remonstrating against the removal of the seat of Government from Fiji :—“ After very careful consid-

to provide a fund, to be called "The Building Fund," for the purpose of providing means to pay off the principal and interest thereon of a loan of \$2000, now being negotiated, and that any deficiency be made up from general rates." Alderman Torsing seconded the motion, which was carried. It was then moved and seconded,—"That be called for two competent persons to value the rateable property within the Borough for the ensuing year, that the valuation be made on or before the 11th February, and that the valuation be open to the 11th February." A motion of Alderman Jones for keeping Schinkel-street on certain conditions was then by consent. At 10.15 the meeting closed. The meeting of the Sydney Water Board was overruled.—CHARLES H. STANLEY.

tion his Excellency finds himself compelled to the conclusion that, whatever may have been in the first instance the ex-

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Dr. PROFIT AND LOSS.
Manufacture, management, distribution of gas,

Profits and retirewals, rates and taxes, &c.	1071 10 10	exists on Viti Levu.	After a recent trip, we returned, Levuka with quite different ideas to those we entertained at first.
Profit for half-year ...	1194 9 10	Cr 0	The township of Ellitika commands a prominent position on the noble Rewa, is within a few miles of Suva, and within a few hours' communication with Levuka, and it affords great facilities to the shipping trade.
Sales of gas, &c., &c.	1194 5 10	Cr 0	
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Dr. HET. RAWANUS ACCOUNT.			
Interest on debentures	237 5 6		Geographically considered, the junction of the Wainimalu and the Rewa commands the best position for a wharf and jetty, and justly the title of the "Gates of Fiji." Other communications no doubt will and must arise in Fiji, but putting the claims of Levuka and Suva to the capital aside, any town once established must command a position as Ellitika must command the whole of the traffic of the Rewa."
Dividends to consumers	74 3 1		
Bad debts and interest on bank account	1 1 3		
	182 19 4		
The rest, or unappropriated profits	100 11 10	Cr 0	
	1194 10 10	Cr 0	
amount ret. 20th June, 1890	129 11 0		
Profits for half-year ...	970 1 0		
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A shock of earthquake was experienced at Gau on 10th January. The vibration occasioned excited a good deal of alarm amongst the white residents, but the natives, that similar visitations are not at all uncommon.

debentures	500	0	0	On Sunday (says the <i>Argus</i>), the Gael, the last of the
Capital account (original)	9000	0	0	labour vessels for 1880, returned to port with 83 hand-

Ditto added (new)	653 10 6
Business account	13 10 0
Study duties	58 5 0
Reserve fund	58 5 0
On the rest, or unappropriated profits	582 12 6
Total	£1,014 10 1
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fixed investment—land, buildings, machinery, &c., &c., &c.	£1,816 5 4
Floating Investments—Cocoa, Beans, &c., &c., &c.	1238 11 0
Brands—Tobacco	45 0 0
Consumers	£917 15 0
Commercial Bank, &c., &c.	45 0 0
Total	£904 12 4
	17,824 5 4
Cash in hand	10 8 8
Total	£1,014 10 1

NEW ZEALAND.

from the United States to the 20th anniversary celebration of the American Legion.

The Dundee Star reports the International Conference is doing useful work, and that Mr. Dick is the right man to lead the campaign. It says that the conference is doing anything very material will be effected, at least in regard to matters political, or affecting the financial policies of the colonies represented, but there are subjects outside of politics which are of great importance, and which, at a point will meet undoubtably be gained by the mere material of theories of federative union in the propositions presented and discussed.

The Chicago Times has the following on the Pateters' negotiations: "We learn that the Pateters' trouble," as it is called, is not a new one. It is a trouble which has been caused by following at intervals his occupation as an engineer.

A correspondent writes to one of the papers:—"The question as to how we are to control our Polytechnic servants is becoming a very serious one in Liverpool. Of his men they are getting beyond all bounds, and if we do not take prompt action, we shall have a very serious financial one, not only between the Polytechnics themselves, but between them and their employers."

COMMERCIAL.

PROPERTY SALES.
Messrs. Garton and Cahill report having sold during the month

pass into the hands of private purchasers, who will sell it as they please. There has been a great agitation, on all events a great fuss, against the acquisition of the public lands, and the people are so much concerned, that not a section of the public whose watchword is 'The land for the people.' With the sincerest desire to see as many of the people as possible to possess the land, we cannot sympathize with the feeling that has been displayed in this and similar cases. It seems to us that the speediest, if not the only way to get the people to possess the land, is to divide it into small lots, and to extricate the native title for large blocks, and then leave the subsequent distribution of the land to the operation of the ordinary laws of demand and supply. In the following correspondence, the *Illinois Herald* writes:—"I have authority for stating that it has been fully decided that the Native and Defense portfolio will be permanently allotted to the people, who will be demanded to purchase the land by lot. Mr.

ye. The acceptance by the Governor of Mr. Bryce's nomination, and his Excellency's approval of Mr. Rolles-

My appointment, have now been received, and Mr. Lillington accordingly has taken charge of the Native and European Affairs of the Colony. I have also received other portfolios of Lands, Mines, and Justice, until the vacancy in the Ministry is filled up, and which will probably relieve of Justice, and a re-allocation of portfolios will be made. I am, however, not at all sanguine that I shall believe that the vacant seat in the Cabinet will be filled over the end of this month."

The *Taranaki Herald* thus refers to the failure of Captain Lillington to resign his office. "What we cannot understand is how the Government should so stultify itself by reversing its policy—first, by plainly telling Dr. Whitlatch that it intended doing, and doing it, and then asking him to resign, and then, after he has done so, to appoint another man to the office."

We can only explain it on the principle of some religious individual cruelly afflicted with a chronic and incurable disease, which has clouded the faculty their impotence to do anything but to believe in the efficacy of the ministrations of the healing art, trying one by one the certain cures thrust on him by good-natured friends. So the Government, disappointed that the specific of the Royal Fijian cure should be applied to the Colony, and seeing the Royal Fijian certain cure, in a moment of weakness and desperation yielded, and by one foolish act destroyed its reputation for sagacity in native administration."

pa Island to Lyttelton gaol. They were very noisy during the march through the town.

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POSTPONED THE 20th FEBRUARY, 1912.

WENTWORTH PARK.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS.

IN THE ESTATE OF HOW AND WALKER,
deceased.

ADJOINING WENTWORTH PARK.

consisting of seven separate lots, more or less, the Centre to HOW,
WALKER direct.

TERM: IN YEARS, FROM 1st OCTOBER, 1911.

TOTAL CROWN RENTS: 48s PER ANNUM,
apportioned between the six different leases.

FOR UNRESERVED SALE,
to close the estate, in consequence of the death of the
proprietors.

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TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY
 PARANAIWA PARK.
 FAMILY COTTAGE, REFINEMENT,
 DENTISTRY.
 MONING THE PARK, ON THE HIGHEST PART OF THE
 HILL.
 NEARLY 1/2 OF A CACADE OF LAND
 WITH TWO STEEP CHAMBERLAIN
 ONE OF THE FINEST VIEWS IN THE DISTRICT.
 PARANAIWA PARK.
 Only 1/2 mile from the RAILWAY STATION,
 commanding VERY EXTENSIVE VIEWS OF THE
 DISTRICT AND BAY.
 (Dated 14th Feb 1911)
 MILES, FILL, and GUTHRIE, ESTATE AGENTS,
 100, Market Street, Auckland.

On Tuesday, 21 February, at the Rooms, 24 Essex Street, a marriage contract, according to the usual custom, in which every condition of wedlock was set out after giving up with words expressive of the love and love and change of the most perfect calm and confidence, which the ladies and gentlemen, and family.

The building is substantially sound, and complete for the purpose of the work, that there is ample room in the building for the accommodation required.

It is added that these members propose to make the building, and that the same may be made sufficient to be estimated for the purpose of the work.

This building is the same as the one in the same place.

Under the name of the same building, the building is the same as the one in the same place.

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"I'm not a person who has a lot of friends," he says. "I'm a person who has a lot of friends who are not my friends."

Mrs. MRS. F. L. GILBERT
has been transacted by the title of this grant property to
be written up by public deed or purchase receipt,
as follows:
SALE ROOMS 16, P.O. BOX 100,
in
TOWN OF TOWNERSHIP IN
of
Town of Townership In
for Town of Townership In.
The Title of Townership In.

WEDNESDAY, February 11,
THURSDAY, February 12,
COMFORTABLE MOTORS,
CONVENTOR-SHORE STREET, NEW TOWN,
OFFICE ON STATION, Shingora road, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays,
 would like at the post mark, 4225 to receive.

WILLS, PILE, and GILCHRIST will sell all public
 auction, at their Rooms, 111, Pitt-street, on **TUESDAY,**

The above property,
SATURDAY, 19th FEBRUARY,
FLOWICK STREET, PETERSHAM,
IS THE PROPERTY OF THE EXCLUSIVE LAND INVEST-
MENT AND BUILDING SOCIETY AND BANK (Limited)
TO BE SOLD ON BUILDING SOCIETY'S TERMS.
MILLS, FIFE, and GILCHRIST have been in-
structed to act as auctioneers,
ON THE ABOVE, at 11 o'clock, FEBRUARY, 1904.
The usual conditions in the
FLOWICK STREET, PETERSHAM,
having been in the
MAIN PARAMOUNT ROAD.

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PROPERTY at FETTERHAM
containing on the rise, 100 acres dependent
on the rise, and 100 acres on the rise. It may be added that
the OAS and WATER are well on, and the value of an estimated
PELT of WATER is appreciated these times.
Also, several of the COTTAGES are HOUSES, on BUILDING
SOCIETY TRAILS.

THE TERMS WILL BE WONDERFULLY EASY:
TEN PER CENT. DEPOSIT.
BALANCE, 10 PER CENT. PER MONTH.
CALL, AND GET A LITHOGRAPH.
TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY
TOWN OF ST. LEONARDS
THE SUGAR COMPANIES, ROBINSON, ST. LEONARDS, ST. LEONARDS

WEST ROAD, AND MAY, CLOSE TO THE CENTER OF
THE TOWNSHIP,
IN ONE LOT.
PRELIMINARY NOTICE
MILLS, FIFE, and GILCHRIST have been instructed
by the proprietors,
THE COLONIAL SUGAR COMPANY,
to sell by public auction, at their ROOMS, 114, FIFTY-SIXTH
STREET, 22nd FEBRUARY, at half-past 12 sharp.
The above well-known property, a full detailed survey of
which is now being surveyed by Mr. George Bishop.
THE TERMS will be made easy, so as to enable
NABE CHANCE FOR SPECULATORS.
It commences about 12 noon

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in and for the County of New York, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears on file in the office of the City Clerk, at New York, this 1st day of January, 1901.

IN SENATE,
January 1, 1901.

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HAVE FOR SALE,
by Private Contract,
the following
REAL ESTATE:

MANY OTHERS NEVER ADVERTISED.

ASHFIELD. Cottages, 6 rooms, &c., CORNER LOT; £300; £200; £100.

BALMAIN. 2-3 roomed brick Shop, land 100; Terrace; £150. Easy terms.

BALMAIN. Two 3-roomed brick Houses, with balconies, &c., without 100; good side passage; Terrace; £200. Easy terms, balance in 9 months, without interest.

BALMAIN. TO BUILDERS, &c.—"MIDWINTER" SUBDIVISION, near Bald Rock Ferry. Price, 22 1/2 p. per foot, terms 1/2 cash, balance 1/2 p. per month.

COOGEE BAY. Allotment 2, sec. D, 1/2 1/2 p. per foot.

CHIPPENDALE. A NEW TERRACE OF 6 HOUSES each large rooms, large front porch, 2nd floor life and bath entrance, GRASS LANE, each lot for 14 p. per foot, terms 1/2 cash, balance 1/2 p. per month.

DRURY ROW. 6 rooms, stove, kitchen, dairy, 2nd floor, coachhouse, stables, &c. Torrance view. £250. Land, 2 acres.

DARLINGHURST. Nos. 236 and 234, good 10-roomed

OLIVE,
 Lyndhurst Estate.
HUNTER'S HILL
 LAND, 1 ACRES, front, 50. TITLE
 TORRENS'. £1000. ASK. TERMS.
NEWTON,
 St. John-street.
 COTTAGE, 6 rooms, kitchen, wash-
 house, verandah back and front, gas and
 water, well built, bath and toilet. "Pac-
 tern". LAND, 20 x 90. Terms easy. £275.
NEWTON,
 Corner of Two Streets.
 V. W. B. HOUSE, 6 rooms, re-
 verandah and balcony, stable, lawn
 20 x 60; gas and water laid down. £450.
NEWTON,
 UNION-STREET.
 HOUSE, 4 rooms, shed, balcony, ac-
 brick on stone, slate roof, lawn, 14 x 110
 easy terms.
PADDINGTON,
 Regent-street.
 NEW HOUSE, 8 rooms, &c.; gas;
 freehold; £900. TERMS EASY.
PETERHAM,
 Piper-street.
 Lots 17 and 18, section 2, each 60
 100 to William-street, 14 1/2 x 50 feet.
ROOKWOOD ROAD.
 BLOCK OF LAND, 19 x 325, 500
 each, balance payable in 12 months. NO
 INTEREST.
 IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, we have a PRINTED LIST

of Houses and Land FOR SALE IN NEARBY EVERETT SUBURB,
brides make FIRST-CLASS CITY INVESTMENTS. CALL AND
OBTAIN OUR LATEST LISTING.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES,
AUCTIONEERS, Land and Estate Agents,
85, PITT-STREET,
PERTH.

ROOKWOOD, LILLIAN ESTATE
A HALF-MILE THIS SIDE OF ST. JOHN'S WOOD
AND REGENT'S PARK STATIONS.
AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND, WITHOUT RESERVE,
OF 704 SPLENDID ALLOTMENTS.
TITLE, TORRENS ACT,
BATT, RODD, and PURVES,
AUCTIONEERS.

PADDINGTON, HARGREAVE-STREET.
FOR SALE, 3 HOUSES, each containing 4 rooms, kitchen, bath,
pantry, and a front porch, with a large garden, concrete, and verandah.
WELL BUILT, BRICK ON STONE. WATER AND GAS
LAID ON LAND, 154 & 72. RENTAL, £2 14s per week.
TITLE, TORRENS. £1400.

Also COTTAGE, 4 rooms and kitchen, well built, brick on stone.
WATER AND GAS. LAND, 40 x 31. RENTAL, 10s.
TITLE, TORRENS. £225; or £1600 the lot.

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PETERSHAM, - FISHER STREET, AND CANTERBURY ROAD.-A mile from station.—**BONFELA**, a most compact and comfortable gentleman's RESIDENCE, containing upwards of 15 rooms, including a billiard room, a library, and three other good bedrooms, servants' room &c. W. bathroom, laundry, pantry, cellar, wood shed, lawns, tennis ground, &c. The house is built of brick, on stone, slate roof. The property is most substantially built of brick, on stone, slate roof, and surrounded by magnificent trees and shrubs, and is close to Canterbury Road, and by a depth of 260 running to the Canterbury Road.

For further particulars and plans to view, apply
BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Auctioneers and Valuers, 88, Pitt-street.

FOR PRIVATE SALE, or TO LET ON LEASE,
with
OPTION OF PURCHASE.
DATED CANADIAN RESIDENCE, containing 11 good rooms—wide hall, verandah all round, &c.
LAWN, and garden, with flower beds; 2-sall stable, double coachhouse, and man's room.
THE PROPERTY is situated in one of Sydney, and is from Railway Station, and is in thorough repair.

**BATT, RODD, and PURVES,
AUCTIONEERS AND CAPITALISTS.**

FOR PRIVATE SALE,
the Freehold Land and Building lately occupied by Mr. L.

MERE as a CORDIAL MANUFACTORY, MARMONVILLE.

THE PREMISES are amply supplied with WATER, and are admirably adapted for a FACTORY of any kind.

PRETTY COTTAGE RESIDENCE, adjoining the WORKS may also be purchased if desired.

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B TWO MINUTES from DARLING-STREET FERRY.
GOOD STONE HOUSE of 7 ROOMS and KITCHEN, &c., MAGNIFICENT VIEW OF THE HARBOUR AND FLAGSTAFF-HILL LAND, 60 FEET FRONTAGE TO PAUL-STREET, 100 feet deep.

AS THIS PROPERTY is surrounded by FIRST-CLASS HOUSES, as those of Messrs. GIBBS, Mrs. Hall, &c., it commands a fine view of the Harbour.
\$100; THEMES VERY EASY.

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GILBEY POINT, FOR SALE, HEREBY OFFERED BY AUCTION, 100 ACRES OF LAND, WITH A LARGE BRICK BALCONY, slate roof; LAND, \$3 a 100; water and gas laid on at all the roads; garden in front.

FRESHFOLD. \$1100.

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REGENTS PARK, ROCKWOOD, a quarter of an acre or more, with a large house, with 10 bedrooms, 10 parlours, &c., is sold per lot. Terms: \$1 deposit, 10 per cent. at month's, balance cash, 12, 18, and 24 months at 6 per cent. Plan at our office.

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85, PRINCE-STREET.

A **SHEPHERD, Cecil-street, 5 minutes of Station.**—For SALE, 3 VILLAS, each containing 3 rooms, servant's room, bathroom, verandah, 12' x 12' on stone, and 2 underground tanks; land 40 x 300; title, Torrens, etc. terms 1/20; price \$2500 each, or \$1500 for 3.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES,
85, PRINCE-STREET.

C **HIPPENDALE.**—FOR SALE, TERRACE OF 18 IN NEW HOUSES, each containing 4 rooms, BALCONY, stone roof, black entrance, well built, brick on stone. Will let to good tenants at 12 per week. Splendid investment, £2500.

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G **RENSHAW, Mitchell-street.**—For SALE, TERRACE OF 6 HOUSES, each containing 4 rooms, verandah back and front, and good yards; well built of brick, with shingled roof. Total rent, £17 12 per annum. Title leasehold, 99 years to run; ground rent, £20 on the lot; etc. terms, Price, £2500.

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85, PRINCE-STREET.

C **ANTERVIEW.**—FOR SALE, HOUSE, containing 3 rooms, shed, stables, cow-house, etc.; land in all 18 ACRES. Price £1000 and will let to good tenants at 12 per week.

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No interest required. Price \$150.

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FOR PRIVATE SALE
FLORIDA, near SOUTH CREEK STATION.

HOMESTEAD, good solid Stone Cottage, with very large and numerous out-buildings; stable, horse boxes, &c.

THE LAND, in area about 2000 acres, is all fenced and subdivided into paddocks. **THE WHOLE ESTATE** being well and permanently watered by 3 CREEKS.

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FRONTAGE OF 4 HOUSES, each 3 rooms, hall, bathroom, kitchen, verandah and balcony; water and gas laid on, gardens in front; well-built, brick on stone, slated roofs; 2 roads, 30 feet wide each; land, 60 x 135 feet to 15-40 feet line. Title, freehold.

Terms easy; \$2500, or 4000 cash.

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